

Student Council Constitution

Role of the Student Council

The role of the student council is to make the school a better place for students. The council acts as a representative of the student body to express points of view to the management. The councils' role is to try to improve the atmosphere between students, staff and management. The council also strives to improve conditions and facilities in the school.

Structure of the Student Council

The student council is composed of a girl and a boy from each year group. The student council liaison teacher assists the council during the year.

Elections

Each class group elects a boy and a girl to represent their class. The class representatives address their year group at an assembly. The year group then elects a boy and a girl from the class representatives to represent their year group. The year group elections are held during the final school week in December.

Term of Office

The term of office is for one calendar year.

Student Council Officers

The student council has the following officers

Chairperson
Deputy-Chairperson
Secretary
Deputy-Secretary
Public Relations Officer
Treasurer

Each officer holds office for one calendar year.

Sub-Committee

The student council has the right to form sub-committees. Sub-committees should report to the student council on their progress.

Finance and Fund Raising

The student council treasurer is in charge of all the finance of the student council. The treasurer keeps accounts of all the money raised by the student council and gives reports to the student council at their meetings

Meetings

The student council meets once a week. All council members are expected to attend all meetings. An agenda is set in advance by the chairperson, secretary and the liaison teacher. The agenda must be adhered to during the meeting. The secretary keeps a record of attendance and writes up the minutes of the meeting. Each member has an equal say and is expected to contribute during each meeting. All contributions are made through the chairperson. Decisions are made by consensus if possible, resorting to a majority vote when necessary. All problems discussed at meetings must be treated with discretion, respect and confidentiality.

Exclusions

It is not permitted to make any uncomplimentary mention of staff, management or pupil by name or implication. Individual grievances between pupils and teachers are not to be mentioned as well as disciplinary matters involving a student or group of students. School rules such as uniform, the one-way system, mobile phones and the disciplinary system are not to be discussed.

Code of Conduct

To attend weekly meetings
To be actively involved in student council activities
To set a good example to others
To represent their year group
To stand as a group and to support decisions made by the student council.
To maintain good relations with staff members
All members should follow the school rules

Public Relations

The public relations officer is responsible for communications to students, staff and management. The student council notice board should be kept up to date.

Changes to the Constitution

A vote must be held if the constitution is to be changed. Any changes to the constitution must be discussed beforehand with the management of the school.

Removal of Student Council Members

Reasons for Removal

Non-attendance at 3 meetings without a valid reason (automatic removal, no appeal)

Regular non-involvement in student council activities

Breach of the councils' code of conduct

If a pupil leaves the school

If a pupil is suspended from school they will be removed from the student council.

Removal Procedures

In order to be started, the liaison teacher must receive 3 complaints from individual council members. The liaison teacher issues a warning. If there are further breaches, the council member is asked to resign. The council member has a right to appeal in front of the student council. The decision to remove the council member is voted on. The result is decided by a majority vote and is final.

A removed student is replaced by the candidate who received the next highest vote at the time of the election.